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MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY

NOTIFICATIONS

TARIFFS.

New Delhi, the 14th November 1958.

No. 18(1)-T.R./58.—Whereas the Central Government is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the duties chargeable under the Indian Tariff Act, 1934 (32 of 1934), in respect of the following sizes of steel files, namely,—

- Above 5½" and less than 6";
- Above 7" and less than 8";
- Above 8" and less than 10";
- Above 10" and less than 12";
- Above 12" and less than 14"; and
- Above 14" and less than 16",

falling under item No. 71(14) of the First Schedule to the said Act, and characterised as protective in the third column thereof, have become ineffective for the purpose of securing the protection intended to be afforded by them to similar articles manufactured in India;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 4 of the said Act, as in force in India and as applied to the State of Pondicherry, the Central Government hereby increase, with effect from the 14th November, 1958, the duties of customs on steel files

of the said sizes so that the duties chargeable shall from the said date be as specified in column 3 of the table annexed hereto.

THE TABLE

Item No. of Tariff	Name of Article	Rate of duty
1	2	3
71(14)	Steel files (including saw files but excluding jewelers' files, watchmakers' files, other needle files, mill tooth files, rotary power files and ampoule files) of the following sizes, namely :—	Rs. per dozen
	Above 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and less than 6"	8·00
	Above 7" and less than 8"	11·00
	Above 8" and less than 10"	15·00
	Above 10" and less than 12"	19·00
	Above 12" and less than 14"	26·00
	Above 14" and less than 16"	34·00

No. 18(1)-T.R./58.—Whereas the Central Government is satisfied, after due inquiry, that the duties chargeable under the First Schedule to the Indian Tariff Act, 1934 (32 of 1934), in respect of steel rasps specified in item No. 71(14) of the said Schedule, and characterised as protective in the third column thereof, have become excessive for the purpose of securing the protection intended to be afforded by them to similar articles manufactured in India;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 4 of the said Act, as in force in India and as applied to the State of Pondicherry, the Central Government hereby reduces, with effect from the 14th November, 1958, the duty of customs on the said articles so that the duty chargeable shall from the said date be 35 per cent. *ad valorem*.

No. 18(1)-T.R./58.—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the Indian Tariff Act, 1934 (32 of 1934), as in force in India and as applied to the State of Pondicherry, the Central Government hereby directs that with immediate effect there shall be levied on the articles specified in column (1) of the Table hereto annexed, when imported into India or the said State, a duty of customs of such amount as is specified in the corresponding entry in column (2) thereof.

THE TABLE

Name of articles	Amount of duty of customs (inclusive of the chargeable duty under sub-section (1) of section 2 of the Indian Tariff Act, 1934, and any additional duty leviable under any other law for the time being in force).
(1)	(2)
Steel files (including saw files but excluding jeweller's files, watchmakers' files, other needle files, mill tooth files, rotary power files and ampoule files) of the following sizes, namely :— 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ " and above, but less than 4"	Rs. 7·00 per dozen.

RESOLUTION

TARIFFS ,

New Delhi, the 14th November, 1958.

No. 18(1)-T.R./58.—The Tariff Commission has submitted its Report on the review of protection to the Engineer's Steel Files Industry on the basis of an inquiry undertaken by it under Sections 11(e) and 13 of the Tariff Commission Act, 1951. Its recommendations are as follows:—

- (1) Rasps should be deprotected. As regards steel files, the period of protection, which is due to expire on 31st December, 1959, should be extended by another year, i.e. upto 31st December, 1960, and the existing table of protective duties should be substituted by the following:—

	<i>Standard rate of duty</i>
	Rs. Per Dozen
Not less than 3 7/8 inches and upto and including 5 1/2 inches	7
Exceeding 5 1/2 inches but not exceeding 7 inches	8
Exceeding 7 inches but not exceeding 8 inches	11
Exceeding 8 inches but not exceeding 10 inches	15
Exceeding 10 inches but not exceeding 12 inches	19
Exceeding 12 inches but not exceeding 14 inches	26
Exceeding 14 inches but not exceeding 18 inches	34

Where due to manufacturing defects, steel files imported are slightly over-sized, variations, not exceeding the following amounts, from the dimensions specified above should be allowed, for the purpose of assessment of such steel files to customs duty:

Upto and including 6 inches long	1/8 inch
Over 6 inches upto and including 10 inches long	3/16 inches
Over 10 inches long	1/4 inches

- (2) The Development Wing should, in consultation with the Director General of Ordnance Factories, Man Industrial Corporation Ltd., and the engineers' steel files industry, try to develop, as quickly as possible, domestic production of sections of file steel required by the steel files industry.
- (3) Steps should be taken by the Iron and Steel Controller to expedite the issue of import licences for steel sections to the producers of engineers' steel files.
- (4) The requirements of the engineers' steels industry for carbon or chromium steel sections and grinding wheels should be licensed in full. Government may also consider the feasibility of the manufacturers' request that in order to enable them to obtain better terms from overseas suppliers, licences should be issued for 12 months' requirements at a time with the stipulation that not more than one half of the value of a licence can be utilised for import in a six monthly period.
- (5) Although there has been an appreciable improvement in the quality of engineers' steel files produced in the country, there is still scope for further improvement. The industry should take immediate steps to modernise its equipment and improve its technique of production.

- (6) The engineers' steel files industry should strive its best to improve its efficiency by strict adherence to all technical details of manufacture and by elimination of all avoidable wastages, to maintain an efficient sales service and also to adopt a more intensive policy of publicising its products.
 - (7) All the units in the industry should take steps to introduce a proper system of costing as early as possible and report to the Commission before 31st December, 1958, the steps taken by them.
 - (8) All the units in the industry, irrespective of their nature of management, should maintain proper and separate accounts in respect of the manufacture and sale of steel files and have them audited annually by qualified Chartered Accountants. Necessary steps in this behalf should be taken by the industry with effect from the current year.
2. Government accept recommendation (1), and will take steps to implement it. The attention of importers is invited to the latter part of this recommendation regarding permissible variations from standard sizes for purposes of assessment of customs duty on slightly over-sized steel files.
3. Government have taken note of recommendations (2) to (4) and steps will be taken to implement them as far as possible.
4. The attention of the industry is invited to recommendations (5) to (8).

ORDER

Ordered that a copy of the Resolution be communicated to all concerned and that it be published in the Gazette of India.

S. RANGANATHAN, Secy.